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Local Brevities.

A marriage license was issued yesterday to Otto Matson and Minnie Lindquist, both of Clatsop county.

The subject for the morning sermon at the First Lutheran church will be "On the Mount of Transfiguration," and for the evening, "Marks of Christian Living." The evening service will be in English.

County Judge Trenchard and Commissioners Clark and Larson were to have made a trip of inspection to the Nehalem valley yesterday, but the downpour necessitated postponement of the trip, which will be made when the weather clears.

The Tongue Point Lumber Company has just awarded the contract for the erection of two new cottages on its property near the mill. The cottages are to be occupied by employes of the big institution. The property in the vicinity of the mill is rapidly being improved, and since the mill was built values have increased there to a very material extent.

J. Olin, a native of Finland, died at St. Mary's hospital yesterday afternoon of typhoid fever, after an illness of 11 days. The parents of the deceased reside in Finland, but four cousins live in this country. The funeral will be held at 1 o'clock tomorrow afternoon from Pohl's undertaking parlors. The services will be conducted by Rev. Ryquist and the interment will be in the Lewis and Clark cemetery.

The baseball game which was to have taken place at A. F. C. park this afternoon between the Commercial Club and Rainier nines will not be held. The rain of the past few days has made the ground too soft for good ball, so the Rainier team was notified yesterday to not come. The game will be played at some future date. This is the only instance during the season where rain has interfered with baseball.

The run of salmon fell off again yesterday and receipts were light at all of the canneries and cold storages. The river is even muddier than has been the case for the past ten days and the salmon are remaining at sea. That the condition of the water is due to the cloudbursts which have occurred

In eastern Oregon seems pretty generally agreed among fishermen and packers, and there is little hope of improvement in the run until the water clears. The season will last only 30 days longer, so the pack is going to be very much below that of last year. A few fish are being taken below Sand Island, but the seiners of the upper river are making miserable hauls.

M. P. Callender, who came over yesterday from Knappa, offers an excellent suggestion for the benefit of the Lewis and Clark fair management. Mr. Callender thinks it would be a good idea during the present hot weather at St. Louis to bulletin daily the condition of the weather at Portland. Certainly the state would profit by the comparison.

Heavy weather prevailed in the lower harbor yesterday and several fishermen had narrow escapes from drowning. Three boats were washed ashore during the day and another was capsized, the steamer El Hurd picking up her occupants. Reports from Hammond last evening conveyed the information that no fatalities had occurred, and, so far as could be learned last evening, none of the fishermen lost his gear.

The will of the late Mrs. Nancy Nowlen was filed for probate yesterday. The estate is valued at \$1000 and is divided between the daughters of the deceased, Mrs. M. J. Badollet, Mrs. G. Reed and Mrs. R. N. Carnahan; her son, John F. Nowlen, and her granddaughters, Rosanna Nowlen, Mary Jane Josephine Nowlen, Margaret Ellen Nowlen and Jennie Nowlen. Mary Jane Badollet, R. N. Carnahan and Granville Reed are named as executors.

Portlanders who arrived in the city yesterday afternoon and who profess to know something of the matter say the effort of the outside gamblers to "butt in" at the metropolis will result in failure. The city administration has made a rule that only those gambling houses now in operation will be permitted to run, and has been arresting the outsiders. The strangers, on the other hand, have threatened to appeal to the courts, and to close the town if they are excluded. It is stated that the officials mean to stand pat on their proposition, and that the outsiders will not only not be permitted to engage in business, but the houses now running will continue to operate. One wealthy gambler has been paying out \$75 a

day to high-class men with the expectation of eventually opening a race track gambling resort, but, although he has been at it for months, the authorities have kept him out of business.

Says the South Bend Pilot: "H. M. Bransford of Astoria was in town a couple of days the latter part of last week. Mr. Bransford is connected with the Northern Oyster Company and was looking after that company's interests on this bay. His errand here was to secure about 30 men to work on the beds at Bay Center. In this effort he was quite successful."

It was stated yesterday that S. Morton Cohen would not convert the old city hall into a theater. Bids for remodeling the building were submitted to him some days ago, but the contract was not awarded. It is stated that the cost of rebuilding the structure would be greater than Mr. Cohen had anticipated, and that he has decided to fit up the building for store purposes. His intention has not been positively ascertained.

Probate Judge Trenchard yesterday appointed G. C. Fulton administrator of the estate of Dyson D. Wass, who died at San Francisco May 14 of this year. The appointment was made at the request of the widow, Isabelle Wass. The property left by deceased in Astoria consists of lots 1 and 2, block 39, and lot 5, block 145, Olney's Astoria. Its value is given as \$2000, and Mr. Fulton's bonds were fixed at \$4000. B. Van Dusen, E. Z. Ferguson and Thomas Linville were appointed appraisers of the property.

Mrs. Mary Taylor, her husband and infant child were removed yesterday to the pesthouse, where Mrs. Taylor will be treated for varioloid. The Main Street house, where the case developed, was thoroughly fumigated yesterday and the police restrictions removed. Dr. Pilkington says there is no chance of spread of the disease and anticipates that Mr. Taylor and the baby will escape without attack, although both have been exposed. Rigid quarantine regulations are being enforced at the Pietrala residence, in West Astoria, where a 7-year-old girl is dangerously ill with diphtheria. The authorities feel that this case is much more dangerous than the varioloid case and will use every means to prevent contagion. In the Pietrala residence four children and two adults are under quarantine.

The city council will meet in regular session tomorrow evening. The principal business to be brought before the council will be the approval of the plans for the city hall. The plans have been approved by the public property committee, and doubtless will prove satisfactory to the council. The new hall will be built on the colonial plan, with stone basement and wooden upper stories. The police station will be located in the basement, while the auditor will occupy the northwest corner of the first floor, the office of the water commission being located in the southwest corner. The treasurer will have the northeast corner, while the southeast corner will be set apart for the police court. The public library, council chambers, city attorney's office, mayor's office, surveyor's offices, street superintendent's office and committee rooms will be located on the second floor. The arrangement is regarded as an excellent one. The estimated cost of the building is \$30,000, but by the time it is furnished the outlay will be much more, it is thought. At the meeting of the council tomorrow night the committee will be authorized to advertise for bids for construction of the building, and just as soon as the law can be complied with the work of erecting the structure will be begun. It is believed the hall will be finished in about nine months.

The statement of C. H. Callender, promoter of the local steamboat trust, in yesterday's Astorian caused much comment among local owners of boats. The indications are that neither Babidge Bros. nor Captain Pickernell will put their boats into the proposed new company, but will continue to operate independently. The situation seems to have stirred up some feeling and there is talk of bitter warfare when the trust commences operations. Mr. Callender stated to a newspaper representative that he had no idea of undertaking to drive out of business any of the men now operating boats, but he believed there would be much better satisfaction all around if the steamboat owners combined and did business from one office. He announced that he would make preparations to handle traffic to all nearby points, and that one new boat would be built to properly augment the present fleet. The probabilities are that the steamer Queen will be brought over from Grays harbor and placed on the run out of

Astoria. Captain Max Skibbe's boats will be in the pool, which will give the new corporation the following fleet: Melville, Jordan, Vanguard, Eclipse, gasoline launch Queen, steamer Queen and the new boat which is to be built. With this fleet of boats the combine hopes to be able to maintain excellent service to all nearby points and at the same time attend to the towing business, which even now is of greater volume than can be conveniently handled. So far as the trust is concerned, there will be no reduction in rates, it is announced, as existing tariffs are satisfactory.

PERSONAL MENTION.

M. P. Callender is over from Knappa.

Katherine Wade leaves this morning for Seattle to visit for a few days with friends.

R. L. Durham, vice president of the Merchants' National bank, is down from Portland to spend Sunday.

George Hoyt, a prominent member of the Portland Commercial Club and well-known in financial circles, is in the city.

Nace Grant of Portland came down on the Saturday afternoon special to spend a few days with friends in Astoria.

West Side Notes.

Mrs. C. C. Utzinger of Astoria spent several days with Mrs. J. Bossart.

Mrs. H. C. Thompson and son, Harold, of Portland are visiting Mrs. D. K. Warren.

Mrs. Kelley of Portland is visiting her sister, Mrs. W. A. Williams, at Warrenton.

Haying on the west side has been going on amazingly. The fine weather that prevailed up to a few days ago made the farmers happy.

Miss King, who has been quite ill, is improving, but it will be several days before she is able to resume her duties at the postoffice.

On Sunday afternoon Miss Minnie Gray, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hiram Gray of Skipanon, and Mr. Smith Cox of Fort Stevens were married, Rev. William Seymour Short officiating. Mr. and Mrs. Cox left for Portland on the afternoon train, and will return to Seaside, where they will spend the summer.

James Markh, foreman for the Warrenton Lumber Company, is very ill at Portland. On Wednesday morning he was taken to the hospital and one foot was amputated, as the result of blood poisoning. Mr. Markh's son left Tuesday evening to be at the bedside of his father, and sends word that there is little hope of recovery.

M. E. Church Program.

The following musical program will be rendered at the First Methodist Episcopal church this evening:

- Organ Voluntary. Opening Verse ..... Choir Hymn, No. 6. Prayer—Chant Lord's Prayer....Choir Anthem—"Fear Not, O Israel"....Choir Scripture Lesson and Announcements Offertory—Violin Solo ....Miss Larson Solo—"Entreat Me Not to Leave Thee" ..... Miss Hobson Duet—"God Is Love"..... Miss Busey and Mr. Oberg Solo—"I Shall See Him Face to Face" ..... Miss Halstead Anthem—"Hark, Hark, My Soul". Choir Hymn, No. 570.

CARD OF THANKS.

The undersigned desire to express their appreciation of the kindness shown them by friends during their late bereavement.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Francisovitch.

The Weather.

Portland, July 16.—Western Oregon and Western Washington: Sunday, showers.

Eastern Oregon, Eastern Washington and Idaho: Partly cloudy.

To the Ladies of Astoria and Vicinity.

Several inquiries having been made with reference to the lady's world's fair ticket, I will say that every lady whose husband, father, son, brother or acquaintance buys a man's or young man's suit or overcoat at Herman Wise's big store will receive an extra number for sending the gentleman to my store. Such number entitles the lady holding it to participate in the distribution of a separate ticket to and from the St. Louis world's fair. This lady's ticket is separate and independent of the four men's world's fair tickets, the men folks receiving for themselves one number with each \$10 sale. The dance and free ticket distribution will take place on August 29. Invitations will be issued in due time. HERMAN WISE The Reliable Clothier and Hatter.

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